

Alabama's 2nd Annual National Archery in the Schools Program State Championship

**Sponsored by the Alabama Division of Wildlife and Freshwater Fisheries,
Alabama State Department of Education, and Bowhunters of Alabama
Autauga County Agricultural Arena – Tuesday April 26, 2005
Autaugaville, Alabama**

Invitation:

Each of Alabama's Elementary, Middle, and High Schools enrolled in the National Archery in the Schools Program is invited to participate in the second annual state archery championship. Schools with USA Archery Certified Instructors may bring as many participants as they like until the 900-shooter slots are filled.

Event Location:

The Autauga County Agricultural Arena is located approximately 10 miles west of Prattville on Highway 14 between Prattville and Selma. The physical address is 2226 Highway 14 West, Autaugaville, AL 36003.

Directions to site: From exit 179 on Interstate 65 – Go west from I-75 to highway 6. Lowes will be on your right at this intersection. Turn left onto State highway 6 and follow it to the intersection of highway 31 and 82. Go straight through this intersection and travel west on highway 82 to the intersection of 82 and 14. Chris' Bar-BQ will be on the right and a Chevron gas station will be across the intersection on your left. Turn left on highway 14 and travel approximately 10 miles to the Ag Center.

Competition Format:

Range safety rules will be same as school program and will be adhered to by all. A practice round of 3 arrows will be allowed prior to shooting for score from each distance. Each student will shoot 5 ends of 3 arrows at 10 meters and 15 meters for a total of 30 arrows. Schools with equipment should bring their bows to the championship. Arrows will be provided by the Division of Wildlife and Freshwater Fisheries. Loaner bows will be provided by the Division of Wildlife and Freshwater Fisheries for those schools who have not yet received their own. Targets and butts will be provided. The target will be a paper 80cm FITA bulls-eye face mounted to elevated fiber mats. Same target as used in the school program. Each school will select or be assigned a two-hour shooting time. Students will have 1 ½ minutes to shoot each end of 3 arrows. There will be 75, 5-foot wide shooting lanes. Four shooters will be randomly assigned per lane with 2 students per lane shooting simultaneously.

Schools may register as many individuals as they want until the tournament is filled. The schools team will consist of the highest scoring 8 individuals with at least 2 females per team. Teams will compete according to the following Divisions: Elementary (K-6 grade), Middle (7-8 grade), and High School (9-12 grade). A team will be assigned a Division based upon the highest-grade level represented by any of the eight high scoring shooters. In other words, an 8-shooter team comprised of 6th, 7th, and 8th graders will be assigned to the "Middle" Division.

Scoring:

Each shooting lane will be assigned an adult scoring supervisor. Shooters will have 30 minutes after scoring to protest a score and all arbitration will be decided by Head Judge and his decision is final. All ties in scoring will be shot immediately after last flight. Participants will have their own score card to compare with each scoring supervisor.

Shooting Times:

Shooting times and lanes will be selected by the school or assigned during pre-registration. Times available will be 8:00, 10:15, and 12:30.

Dress Code:

All competitive shooters are requested to wear collared shirts or full length standard t-shirts (t-shirts in school colors with logos would be ideal). All competitors are prohibited from shooting in tank tops, cropped t-shirts, cut-off jeans or short-shorts. Hair and jewelry should not cause safety concerns. No exceptions.

Please be advised participants will be competing indoors on a dirt floor; please wear appropriate shoes for a dirt environment. Example: Older sneakers or hiking shoes with socks would be great where as sandals and new white tennis shoes would not be appropriate for these shooting conditions.

Team & Individual Awards:

Banners, plaques, and medals will be presented within 60 minutes after shooting has concluded. Awards will be presented according to the following divisions:

- Teams: Elementary, Middle, and High School Divisions,
 - 1st place banner, trophy, and medals
 - 2nd place trophy and medals
 - 3rd place trophy and medals
- Individuals: Elementary, Middle, and High School Divisions – 1st place trophies and medals, 2nd and 3rd place medals — Boys & Girls

Equipment:

All shooters will use unmodified school archery equipment-- Genesis Bow, full-length aluminum "Genesis" arrows, no sighting or release aids. Arm guards, finger tabs, and shooting gloves are acceptable. An equipment check will be mandatory before shooting.

Registration:

- Early registration fee by April 1: \$10.00 per student (Includes a t-shirt)
- Late registration fee until April 26: \$10.00 (no t-shirt included)
- Registration may be made by teachers only. Please call Ray Metzler at 334-242-3620 or 1-800-245-2740. Please make registration checks payable to Bowhunters of Alabama and mail to Division of Wildlife and Freshwater Fisheries, Attn: Ray Metzler, 64 North Union Street, Montgomery, AL 36130.
- Teachers must provide the student's name, grade, and gender at the time of registration. For example: Student "Doe", 7th Grade, Male.
- Until time slots become filled, the teacher may select a preferred shooting time.
- We expect the time slots to fill quickly, so don't hesitate to register your shooters ASAP!

Concessions and Event T-Shirts will be available on site for purchase.

Local, regional, and national media coverage is anticipated.

Questions—Contact:

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